

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3, 9 and 10 are original.

Claims 4-8 are currently amended.

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies.

The amendments to the claims are supported by the claims, as originally filed, and throughout the specification.

The Abstract has been amended to one paragraph. A clean version of the Abstract is given at the end of this paper.

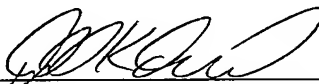
The specification has been amended to correct a typographical error. The amendment is supported by original Claim 6.

Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 1-10 will be active.

No new matter has been added. An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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